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PERSHING GIVEN WELCOME UPON RETURN FROM FRANCE

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circumstances like these. It is overwhelming, overpowering. To say I am glad to be home is superfluous. I accept this in the name of the brave fellows who came over and served to the best of their ability in making our success possible."

Secretary Baker in welcoming Pershing, said: "The task imposed on the general in leading America's greatest army required all the imagination of genius and the energy of a great commander. From the first Pershing had the confidence of the president and secretary of war. From the beginning he had all the support the people could give. The people worked with devotion and self sacrifice to sustain Pershing and supply him with troops and equipment."

Secretary Baker acted as master of ceremonies. At the close of his address he presented Pershing his permanent commission as general. Senator Wadsworth welcomed Pershing on behalf of the senate. Representative Mondell, majority leader, welcomed him in behalf of the house. W. G. McAdoo welcomed him for the city of New York. Mrs. F. M. Swacker greeted Pershing on behalf of the governor of Missouri. Pershing's home state.

When conferees conferred the permanent title of general upon John J. Pershing he became the fourth man to hold that coveted title in the army of the United States. The other three were Grant, Sheridan and Sherman.

As the central American figure in the world war, with the single exception of President Wilson, so much has been written about Pershing,

and his life and history are so fresh in the public mind that it is difficult to tell the average American anything new about the man who commanded the great army on the battlefields of Europe.

As late as the time of the Russo-Japanese war in 1904, Pershing, over 40, still was a captain in the regular army. His associates say he never grumbled, but always kept plugging at his job. Reams and reams have been written about how he took a prominent part in the pacification of the Philippine islands and how President Roosevelt made him a brigadier general, jumping him over the heads of exactly 852 other men who were senior to him on the service roll.

When Pershing took the punitive expedition to Mexico after the bandit Villa, he became the only living officer of the American army who had commanded any body of troops so large as a brigade in anything approaching action. It is true that the late General Funston commanded more than a brigade on the Vera Cruz expedition, but Funston's troops never got into action.

From the time Pershing graduated from West Point in 1886 he had his full share of active and valuable service in the army. Like his classmates, he immediately was plunged into the Indian wars. He entered a campaign against the great Apache chief Geronimo, who for many years had kept the great southwestern country almost closed to immigration by his skill and bravery. It was in those campaigns that many of the young American army officers received that special training evolved in combat with the wily savages



which proved of peculiar value in certain phases of the highly scientific modern warfare in France and Belgium.

They were taught the art of scouting, of trailing and of perfect self-reliance in the school beyond the ken of any European soldier and many a midnight raid by the Americans into No Man's Land doubtless found its inception and clever execution in the brain of one of these one-time Indian fighters of Pershing's type.

It is recorded officially of Pershing that at the beginning of his career, for instance, he was complimented by General Miles, his commander-in-chief in the Geronimo campaign, for "marching his troop, with pack train, over rough country 140 miles in forty-six hours, bringing in every animal and man in good condition." Until he reached command rank Pershing always was a cavalry officer and the records of the war department show more than one honorable mention for his conduct during his ten year's service in the department of Arizona. In the Spanish war as an officer of the Tenth cavalry he was promoted for gallantry at the battle of El Caney to be a major in the volunteer army and after a short detail in Washington in the bureau of insular affairs was sent out to the Philippines as adjutant general of the department of Mindanao and Jolo.

That was the turning point in Pershing's career. He began to take his profession of arms more seriously and to display the powers of concentration upon difficult problems that stood him in good stead in the great campaigns that were to follow in Europe. Attracted by his earnestness and soldierly qualities, General Leonard Wood, who was his superior officer at the time, selected Pershing to organize and conduct a campaign against the Moros who for centuries had successfully resisted all attempts of the Spanish army to subjugate them.

Up to that point something of a parallel may be found in the careers of Wood and Pershing. Each had made brilliant reputations as Indian fighters and each had been picked by President Roosevelt for extraordinary promotion because of their high promise of military ability. Roosevelt had made Wood a brigadier general in 1901 and he made Pershing, then a captain, a brigadier general in 1905 to the absolute consternation of the old line of the army because it involved the "jumping" of both officers over many hundreds of their seniors.

Pershing justified the confidence that Wood had imposed in him in his Moro campaign. There was a sultan of Bacolod with unknown thousands of followers entrenched in the marshes and mountains of the tropical islands behind heavy forts of palm wood, logs and giant creepers and thorn bushes woven into what was supposed to be impregnable defenses. Pershing had made a study of the conditions and so well had he organized his little force, consisting of a battalion of infantry, a squadron of cavalry and a section of artillery that in two days the Moro's strongholds were cleared out and the island of Mindanao was soon placed under Pershing's military governorship.

When he returned home in 1914 he was given but a short rest in San Francisco. Trouble began on the Mexican border and he was sent there in command of the Eighth brigade, charged with the special duty of running down or driving off Villa.

When Pershing was chosen to command the American forces in France, he took with him many of the browned and hardened veterans of his Mexican campaign and these men formed the nucleus of the famous First division of the American expeditionary force.

Pershing believed in team work; he knew that whatever success the Germans had attained was through their unified command of the armies of the central powers. So he was not only willing, but anxious to see the same principle adopted by the entente armies. He sank his private ambitions and freely tendered his services of the last Amer-

ican soldier and all his army equipment to General Foch at the most critical point in the campaign. There is said to be no doubt that his example affected the other commands and went a long way towards bringing about the unification of the entente armies under Marshal Foch.

It was not until Pershing was certain that the plans he had made with the assistance of his own staff for a successful campaign into Alsace-Lorraine had behind them the support of a sufficient number of American soldiers that Pershing felt justified in taking complete command of an important sector in the line of battle with the full assent of Marshal Foch and with the result that the American army broke the morale of the Germans and brought the war to an end.

CABLE FROM JAPAN TO U. S.

(Its Associated Press.)

TOKIO, July 28. Kaidoh, Uchida, a leading advocate of the proposed new cable between Japan and the United States, will leave for America and England next month. In the United States he says he will seek permission of the American government for the landing of the cable and will also discuss the proposition with American telegraph companies.

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